

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claim will replace all prior versions and listings of claim in the present application.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) An A document review support apparatus for supporting a review of a document, comprising:

a storage which stores position-attribute management information defining acquisition-items of position information to be acquired from in a review document to be reviewed, said position-attribute management information being stored independently from said document to be reviewed;

an input unit which receives, from a user, an input including a designation of a position in said review-document to be reviewed at which a comment is to be added, and said comment;

an acquiring unit, responsive to said input from said input unit, which acquires said position information from a position designated by said user in accordance with said position-attribute management information in said storage and stores, as an entry to comment-solution management information defining a comment and a solution to the comment, said position information and said comment in said storage such that said position information and said comment information are correlated to while correlating them to each other;

a search unit, coupled with said input unit and said acquiring unit, which searches, from the position-attribute management information and the comment-solution management information stored in said storage, said position information and comment associated with said review-document to be reviewed; and

a display unit, coupled with the search unit, which collectively displays said at least position information and a comment associated with said review document so as to correlate said at least position information and the comment to each other.

2. (currently amended) A document review support apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said position-attribute management information defines classification of an application through which said review document to be reviewed is prepared, classification of an object prepared by said application, and acquisition items of the position information in said review document to be reviewed.

3. (currently amended) A document review support apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:
a reflecting unit for preparing a minute-~~minutes~~ which correlate adapted to put together said comment and position information associated with said review document to be reviewed and storing said minute-~~minutes~~ in said storage.

4. (currently amended) A document review support apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising:
a ~~commanding~~an instructing unit which, when a comment in said minute-~~minutes~~ is designated by said user, searches a comment coincident with said comment designated by said user from said storage, searches position information correlating to said retrieved comment and commands

~~instructs~~ an editor for ~~edition~~editing of said ~~review~~document ~~to be reviewed~~
to ~~emphatically display~~highlight a position corresponding to said position
information in said ~~review~~document ~~to be reviewed~~.

5. (currently amended)A document review support apparatus
according to claim 3, further comprising:

an editor which, when a comment in said ~~review~~document ~~to be reviewed~~ is designated by said user, searches a comment coincident with said comment designated by said user and ~~emphatically displays~~highlights a portion in said ~~minute~~minutes corresponding to said searched comment.

6. (currently amended)A document review support apparatus
according to claim 3, further comprising:

an editor which, when a solution comment against a comment in said ~~minute~~minutes is ~~inputted~~input from said user, searches a comment coincident with said comment corresponding to said solution comment and stores said solution comment in said storage by correlating it to said searched comment.

7. (currently amended)A document review support apparatus
according to claim 3, wherein when receiving an input of said comment, said input unit acquires identification information of said user and said reflecting unit ~~gives~~inserts the identification information of said user to said ~~minute~~minutes in correspondence to said comment.

8. (currently amended)A document review support apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising:

an editor for searching all comments and solution comments in said ~~minute~~minutes from a specified range in a single review-document to be reviewed, correlating corresponding comment and solution comment to said single review-document to be reviewed and displaying said correlated comment and solution comment.

9. (currently amended)A document review support apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising:

an editor for receiving a priority order of the comment described in said ~~minute~~minutes from said user and giving said priority order to said ~~minute~~minutes by correlating it to said comment.

10. (currently amended)A document review support apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said editor sorts comments in said ~~minute~~minutes based on the ~~basis of~~ said position information and said priority order.

11. (currently amended)A document review support apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising:

an editor which, when solution comments against comments in said ~~minute~~minutes are ~~inputted~~input from said user, gives said solution comments to said ~~minute~~minutes by correlating them to said comments; and

a management unit for searching comments not correlated to said solution comments in said ~~minute~~minutes, preparing a pending issue list

adapted to put together comments to which said solution comments are not correlated and storing said pending issue list in said storage.

12. (currently amended)A document review support apparatus according to claim 11, wherein when a comment in said ~~minute~~minutes is designated by said user, said management unit searches, from said storage, a comment in said pending issue list which is coincident with said comment designated by said user and ~~emphatically displays~~highlights a portion in said pending issue list which corresponds to said searched comment.

13. (currently amended)A document review support apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said management unit searches from said storage a comment corresponding to a solution comment in said pending issue list, searches from said storage a comment in said ~~review-document~~ to be reviewed which is coincident with said searched comment, and correlates the comment in said ~~review-document~~ to be reviewed to said comment in said pending issue list.

14. (currently amended)A document review support apparatus according to claim 13, wherein when a comment or a solution comment in said pending issue list is designated by said user, said management unit searches from said storage a comment or a solution comment in said ~~review~~ document to be reviewed which is coincident with said comment or said solution comment in said pending issue list, searches, from said storage, position information corresponding to said comment or solution comment in

said review-document to be reviewed and commands an editor for editing said review-document to be reviewed to emphatically display highlight a position in said review-document to be reviewed which corresponds to said position information.

15. (currently amended) A document review support apparatus according to claim 13, wherein when a comment or a solution comment in said review-document to be reviewed is designated by said user, said management unit searches from said storage a comment or a solution comment in said pending issue list which is coincident with said comment or said solution comment in said review-document to be reviewed and emphatically displays highlights a portion in said pending issue list which corresponds to said comment or said solution comment in said pending issue list.

16. (currently amended) A document review support apparatus according to claim 13, further comprising:
an editor for editing said review-document to be reviewed based on the basis of a comment or solution comment in said review-document to be reviewed; and
a management unit for managing a difference caused in said review document to be reviewed before and after edition.

17. (currently amended) A document review support apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said acquiring unit stores in said storage a

plurality of pieces of said position information and a plurality of pieces of comments by correlating them to each other.

18. (currently amended) A method for supporting review of a document, comprising the steps of:

storing, in a storage, position-attribute management information defining ~~acquisition-items~~ items of position information to be acquired from in a review document to be reviewed, as an entry to comment-solution management information defining a comment and a solution to the comment;

receiving from a an user an input of a designated position in said ~~review document to be reviewed~~ at which a comment is to be added, and said comment;

acquiring said position information from ~~the a~~ position designated by said user in accordance with said position-attribute management information in said storage and storing, in said storage, as an entry to comment-solution management information defining a command and a solution to the comment, said position information and said comment such that said position information and said comment information are correlated to ~~by correlating~~ them to each other;

searching, from the position-attribute management information and the comment-solution management information stored in said storage, said position information and comment associated with said ~~review document to be reviewed~~; and

displaying ~~said~~ at least position information and ~~said~~ a comment associated with said ~~review-document~~ to be reviewed collectively ~~said at least~~ position information and the comment to correlate to each other.

19. (currently amended) A program, stored on a storage medium, for implementing a method of supporting a review of a document, said program when executed, causes a computer to perform ~~comprising the steps of:~~

storing management information defining ~~acquisition~~ items of position information to be acquired of from a review-document in a storage to be reviewed;

receiving, from a user, an input of a designation of a position in said ~~review-document~~ to be reviewed at which a comment is to be added, and said comment;

acquiring said position information from the position designated by said user in accordance with said position-attribute management information in said storage and storing, as an entry to comment-solution management information defining a comment and a solution to the comment, said position information and said comment in said storage such that said position information and said comment information are correlated ~~by correlating them~~ to each other;

searching, from the position-attribute management information and the comment-solution management information stored in said storage, said position information and comment associated with said ~~review-document~~ to be reviewed; and

collectively displaying said at least position information and a comment associated with said ~~review document~~ to be reviewed so as to correlate said at least position information and the comment to each other.

20. (new) A document review support apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the search unit searches, from the position-attribute management information and the comment-solution management information stored in said storage, position information, comment and solution associated with said review document, and the display unit displays the searched position information, comment and solution associated with said review document to correlate them with each other.